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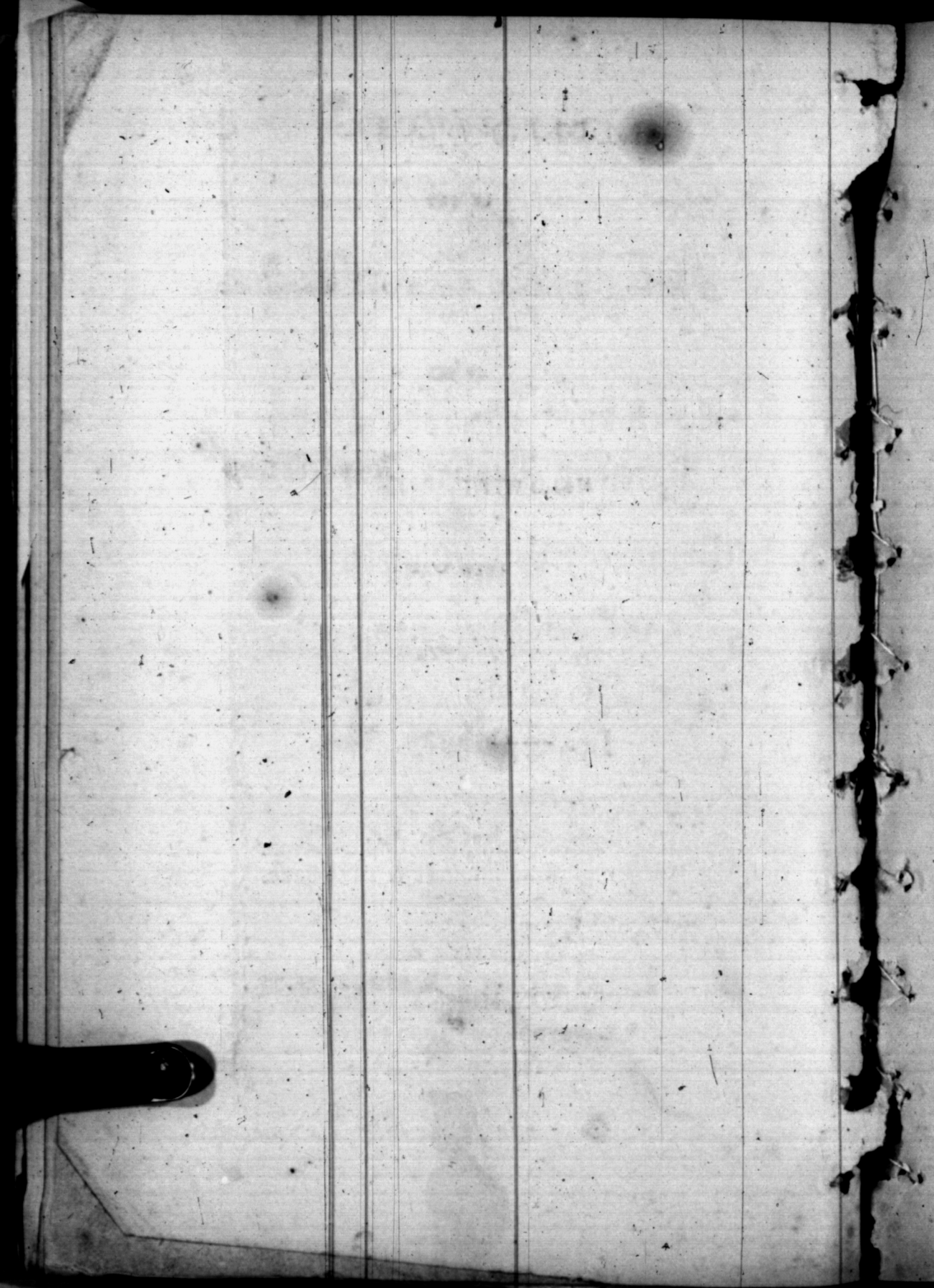
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**T. E. MORRIS,.....MODERATOR.**  
**A. J. COCKROFT, .....SEC'Y & TREASURER,**

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CARTHAGE, MISS., OCTOBER 20, 1882.  
FIRST DAY—MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Harmony Baptist Association met to-day in her 33d annual session with the Carthage Church. The regular Moderator, Eld. D. A. Ellington, having died since our last meeting, on motion, Elder T. E. Morris was elected Moderator, pro tem. A suitable chapter was read, a hymn was sung and a prayer offered by Elder J. B. Gambrell. The letters from the churches were then called for, and Elder J. B. Gambrell and J. C. Foster appointed to read them; which was done and the names of the delegates enrolled. The body then organized permanently by electing Elder T. E. Morris Moderator, and A. J. Cockroft, Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion, the Introductory Sermon was deferred till night. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body re-assembled and was called to order by the Moderator, and after singing, prayer was offered by Elder E. T. Dendy, and the business was resumed.

Called for petitionary letters asking membership in this Association—none presented. Visiting brethren were cordially invited to seats.

Called for corresponding messengers from other bodies and the following brethren being present, were received, and the hand of fellowship extended them, viz.: Elders J. C. Foster, from the General Association, and J. B. Gambrell from Baptist State Convention.

Called for unfinished business.

None mentioned.

Miscellaneous business.

Appointed correspondents to other bodies, as follows:  
Kosciusko—R. G. Barrett and A. J. Cockroft.

Central—J. P. Hickman and R. G. Barrett.

Springfield—E. T. Barnett and H. Collier.

Chocktaw—R. G. Barrett and A. J. Cockroft.

Yazoo—T. E. Morris and A. J. Cockroft.

State Convention—D. G. Johnson, R. G. Barrett, E. T. Dendy, R. E. Melvin, T. E. Morris, E. T. Barnett W. R. Lacy and A. J. Cockroft.

M. Pisgah—R. E. Melvin, R. G. Barrett, W. W. Thomas, W. J. Miles and E. T. Barnett.

On motion, Elder W. S. Rushing was recognized as a delegate from Moss Hill church.

Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching—Col. George Hughie, W. S. Cockroft, H. Collier, and the deacons of Carthage church.

Order of Business—W. S. Rushing, Geo. Hughie and G. M. C. Davis.

State of Religion—E. T. Dendy, J. R. Trotman and W. R. Turner.

Sabbath Schools—D. G. Johnson, R. G. Barrett and S. B. Wilder.

Spiritual Condition of the Blacks—A. B. Ellington and G. W. Goolsby.

Missions—G. P. Hickman, T. G. Ward and A. S. Tucker.

Nominations—E. T. Barnett W. W. Thomas and David Casper.

Publications—A. J. Cockroft, Wm. McDaniel and J. F. Kernop.

Finance—J. F. Kernop, D. Kasper and R. A. Brantly.

Superannuated minister and the destitute families of deceased ministers. (Standing committee to report next session)—W. R. Graves, G. W. Wharton and W. P. Wallace.

Queries and Requests—H. Collier, W. R. Turner and J. K. Trotman.

Obituaries—W. S. Rushing, J. P. Hickman and J. M. Moon-ey.

Education—D. G. Johnson, T. A. Turner and G. W. Brantly.

On motion, the committee on Order of Business was suspended for the present session.

On motion, correspondence was opened with the General Association, and agreed to co-operate with that body in behalf of the Indians. Messengers to the above Association were appointed as follows: D. G. Johnson, S. C. Eastham and W. W. Thomas.



Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

NOTE:—In view of the Introductory to have been preached by A. J. Cockroft, by request of the appointees and other brethren, Elder J. B. Gambrell preached on Friday night.

## SECOND DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

The body re-assembled and after singing, prayer was offered by Elder D. T. Leavell, and the body was declared ready for business.

Call for petitionary letters—none offered.

The letters from New Providence and New Prospect churches were then read and their delegates' names enrolled.

Appointed a standing committee on Temperance—Elder R. E. Melvin, Chairman.

Called for correspondents from other bodies, and the following brethren were present and cordially received, viz.: Elder N. L. Clark, with a letter from Mt. Pisgah Association; Elder D. T. Leavell, Financial Secretary of Mississippi College and Elder David Burney, of the Kosciusko Association.

Called for Reports of Committees:

### NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the Executive Board for next year shall consist of the Ministers of this Association, ex-officio and the following laymen:

W. S. Cockroft, J. N. Barrett, F. L. Hill, W. W. Thomas, A. Jones, E. J. McKay, W. J. Miles, W. R. Lacy, J. R. Trotman, W. R. Graves, J. M. Mooney, J. H. Hickman, J. C. Pool, T. B. Blacklock, J. N. Denson, D. G. Johnson, J. F. Kernop, H. Collier, D. Casper, T. G. Ward, and Alfred Tullis. Also that each church appoint one in addition to the ones above named, making two laymen from each church members of the Board. We nominate to preach the next Introductory, Elder T. E. Morris and Elder R. G. Barrett, Alternates.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. BARNETT, Chairman.

Adopted.

### ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee has examined the letters from the churches and find a great majority of them much revived. Never, perhaps in the history of this Association, has God poured out his spirit more on the churches than this year. We thank God for such precious blessings. The fact that 15 churches report 91 baptisms, shows that His Spirit has been with His people.

Let us work while it is called to-day, and may peace and harmony prevail in the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. DENDY, Chairman.

Adopted.

#### SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE BLACKS.

That, whereas, as a large proportion of the members of colored churches have such a low standard of morals and so underrate the Christian duty of walking circumspectly and maintaining a spotless character, therefore, we urge upon our ministers the importance of preaching to them as often as possible, and store their minds with sound views on this subject, because many of them feel their need of instruction and are anxious to be taught. They need to be enlightened upon the great and vital doctrines of Christianity.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. B. ELLINGTON, Chairman.

Adopted.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee would respectfully report that we deem it unnecessary to present argument to show the advantages derived from Sabbath Schools, or the duty of giving religious training to the young. It is an important and scriptural duty to train up children in the way they should go; to teach them all the commandments of the law and the duties enjoined by the gospel. We know of no better way of reaching the young with such instructions than through the Sunday Schools.

We regard the Sunday School work as an important and very effective part of church work, and think the whole church should participate in it. Indeed, it would be well to regard it as the church at work in force. We regret to learn so little from the letters of the churches of this body in regard to Sunday Schools. We earnestly urge our brethren to greater diligence and zeal in this duty and hope the time is not far in the future when all churches will be able to report good Sunday Schools, and all church members as Sunday School workers. Wherever it is possible, we recommend denominational schools and literature, but where that is not practicable, let there be union schools with unsectarian literature.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

Suspended the regular business to hear a sermon by Elder N. L. Clark, and after which, took a recess of one hour for dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates reassembled and after singing, prayer was offered by Elder R. G. Barrett, and the Moderator stated that the body was ready for business.

Bro. Wiley Sanders, Moderator of Kosciusko Association, was introduced, and our Moderator extended the hand of welcome and invited him to a seat.

On motion, Elder S. J. Denson and Dr. J. N. Denson were recognized as delegates from Jerusalem church, and their names enrolled as such.

The report on Missions was read, amended and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS

The perpetually recurring question, "Can the heathen be saved without the gospel?" is a question no one has a right to ask, no one has a right to answer; and no disciple who loves his Master will attempt to either ask or answer. That Master gave to his church the gospel as his own appointed means for man's recovery from the ruins of the fall, and with the gift said "Go." After his life of toil and his death of agony and shame he said "Go." Who then that loves him, who that respects his authority will stop to enquire concerning that or any other command; "*Can it be dispensed with?*"

Though the gospel is the power of God unto salvation of every one that believes, and though near two thousand years have passed away since it was given to the church, there are still many whom it has never yet blessed, because the church has largely failed to obey this last command. There are many at our very doors, in our midst, the freedmen, the Indians, whose homes we now possess, thousands from China have crowded to our shores, as well as the far off heathen nations who still sit in darkness and in the shadow of death—all these call to us, come and help us while the Master still says "Go."

In view of the dying love of Jesus, in view of the authority of his last command, in view of the strangely mysterious Providences that are working together to open a door for the gospel as never before, in view of the claims of gratitude imposed on us as the beneficiaries of that gospel, we recomment that



this Association unitedly exert herself as never before to extend the blessings of the gospel of salvation. We especially recommend that our beloved brother, Elder J. C. Foster, be retained as Associational Evangelist in our bounds. Also resolved that we co-operate with the General Association in the work of Indian Missions,

Respectively submitted,

JNO. P. HICKMAM, Chairman.

The delegates of the following churches agreed to try to raise for State Missions the amounts annexed, viz.:

Canaan.....	\$ 10 00
Center Hill.....	10 00
Good Hope (Leake).....	25 00
Good Hope (Mad.).....	15 00
Landmark.....	5 00
Mt. Carmel.....	15 00
New Prospect.....	2 50
New Providence.....	5 00
Carthage.....	25 00
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00
Salem.....	10 00
Stump Bridge.....	5 00
Thomastown.....	30 00
Jerusalem.....	25 00
New Salem.....	20 00

Total ..... \$207 50

Amounts sent up by churches for State Missions:

Good Hope (Leake).....	\$ 16 90
Good Hope (Mad.).....	8 00
New Salem.....	29 50
Stump Bridge.....	15 00
Canaan.....	5 00
New Prospect.....	1 00
New Providence.....	4 00
Salem.....	9 00
Thomastown.....	49 65
Carthage.....	19 10
Mt. Carmel.....	14 75
Center Hill.....	9 00
Damascus.....	2 00
Mt. Zion.....	2 00
By R. C. Blailock, Foreign Missions.....	2 00

By New Prospect Church, Foreign Missions..... 1 00

Total sent for Missions..... \$196 80

On motion, Rock Point church was received into this Association. Report of committee on

#### EDUCATION.

Education is a development and strengthening of the faculties of the mind, heart and body. It is an increase of the effective powers and capacities in whatever way directed. If the faculties of the mind and heart be judiciously led out in the ways of truth and virtue the powers of the individual for doing good and enjoying happiness are proportionately increased, and only such education is desirable; for misdirected training only gives greater capacity for doing evil. The status and usefulness of all in society and in church are very much in proportion to their education. Those who would fill positions of great profit and honor should be thoroughly educated. The educated Christian is the highest specimen of humanity.

Education and christianity should go hand in hand. But it is impossible for thorough education to become so general as true piety should be. We regard it as one of the first and most important duties of every parent to educate his children to the best of his ability. With our admirable free school system, our high schools, our colleges, universities and seminaries, there is no excuse for utter ignorance, and nearly all can acquire enough education to prepare them for the practical duties of life and many can prepare for the highest duties of society, church and State. As a demonstration, it is important that we encourage and sustain our institutions in which to train men capable of filling pulpits and other responsible positions—able to combat error skillfully, and maintain successfully and honorably the interests of our church and Lord; and all Baptists ought, by all means to give our denominational schools preference over all other institutions.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. G. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

Pending the adoption of the above, \$3 50 were collected for Bro. Tully Barrett; and the following brethren agreed to try to raise, for the same purpose, the coming year, the amounts annexed to their names, respectively:

R. E. Melvin.....\$ 5 00

T. E. Morris.....	5 00
W. S. Rushing.....	5 00
E. T. Dendy.....	5 00
A. J. Cockroft.....	5 00
J. P. Hickman.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

A petitionary letter from the Mt. Zion church, of Choctaw, was read, and said church was received into this Association.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity are the steps of that progress in the divine life, known in scripture as growth in grace.

Of all causes tending to retard that growth, the use of strong drink is perhaps the most pernicious. That vice, while it hardens the heart, sears the conscience, deadens the intellect, poisons the bodies and damns the souls of its victims, does not stop short in its career of ruin until it has invaded the sanctity of the sanctuary of the living God, and like the mildew of death has fallen on all the vital energies of the churches in many localities. That is one grand reason why in so many localities, instead of our church members growing up to the stature of the perfect man, such multitudes scarcely attain to the dimensions of spiritual dwarfs.

Viewing the vice of drinking strong drinks as the deadliest foe to our progress as a Christian people, the only light which, as an Association, we feel authorized to treat it, we cannot forbear expressing the hope that we, in common with all Christians and all philanthropists, will, in unqualified terms, put ourselves on record and the side of

#### TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ALL THAT INTOXICATES.

And while, as a religious body, we may not do anything that looks towards political complications, still we cannot look with indifference on the efforts of the better class of statesmen who so nobly are laboring to legislate the infamous traffic out of existence.

We recommend to all our churches to disseminate information on this subject; we recommend that they agitate the question, and we recommend the wide circulation of a tract published in the *Record* office, entitled "Where the Money Goes."

Respectfully submitted

R. E. MELVIN, Chairman.

Adopted.



## ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would urge upon our membership the necessity and importance of giving more attention to the study of the scriptures in order to judge correctly and safely concerning the scripturality of the articles published in any of the papers and books of the present time. And as helps to a better understanding of the scriptures, we would impartially recommend to the reading public any one of the following periodicals: *The Baptist Record*, *Southern Baptist*, *Tennessee Baptist*, *American Baptist Flag* and *Dr. Ford's Christian Repository*.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. COCKROFT, Chairman.

Adopted.

## QUERRIES AND REQUESTS.

We find that Stump Bridge and Mt. Zion have asked for the next meeting of this body to be held with them. The Stump Bridge brethren yield their claim to Mt. Zion. We therefore recommend that the next meeting be held with the Mt. Zion church, Leake county.

We also find one church asking for our Articles of Faith to be published in our minutes; and after considering the matter, we think their request should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

H. COLLIER, Chairman.

## ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee reports 15 deaths, of whom one is Elder D. A. Ellington, our worthy Moderator, at our last session. He was much loved, not only for his works sake but for his moral worth and the pious life which he lived to his death.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. RUSHING, Chairman.

On motion, the committee on superannuated ministers and the destitute families of deceased ministers was continued and requested to report at our next session. W. R. Graves, Chairman. Suspended further business till 7 o'clock Saturday night.

## NIGHT SESSION.

After a sermon by Elder Z. T. Leavell, the body was called to order by our Moderator, and business was resumed.

On motion, brother Haywood Minchew, of the Louisville Association, was received and welcomed to a seat in the body.

## FINANCE REPORT.

Amount sent up by churches, State Missions.....	\$ 193 80
Amount sent up by churches, Associational purposes.....	52 00
Amount collected for Indian Missions.....	2 65
Amount contributed for Foreign Missions.....	3 00
Amount contributed for Ministerial Education.....	3 50
Total.....	\$ 273 95

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. F. KERNOP, Chairman.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. J. Cockroft to Harmony Association, Dr.	
1881, Oct. 25.	To amount on hand from last year.....\$ 15 50
" " "	To am't rec'd for Asso'l purposes..... 65 45
" " 26	Foreign Missions..... 16 10
" " "	State " ..... 68 55
To am't rec'd for mins'l ed'n of Bro. J. T. Barrett..... 12 00	
Totas.....	\$177 60

## CREDITS.

1881, Oct. 26.	To amount paid brother J. T. Barrett for ministerial education.....	\$ 12 00
1881, Oct. 26.	Sent B. H. Whitfield, Foreign Missions	16 10
" " "	T. J. Walne, State	68 55
" " "	Am't p'd E. T. Dendy, Mission, 13 days work.....	19 50
1881, Oct. 26.	Am't p'd D. A. Ellington, Mission, 3 days work.....	4 50
1881, Oct. 26.	Am't p'd A. J. Cockroft, Mission, 6 days work.....	9 00
1881, Oct. 26.	For printing and mailing minutes.....	27 00
1882, April 29.	Am't p'd Samuel Green, mission wr'k	6 00
" " "	Am't paid for Clerk's services.....	15 00
Total.....		\$177 65
Due back to the Treasury.....		05

Respectfully submitted,  
A. J. COCKROFT, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1882.

Dear Brethren: We would report, briefly, as follows:  
We have held only two meetings, on account of bad weather;

one with Mt. Carmel and one with Mt. Zion church. Our evangelist and colporteur, Elder J. C. Foster, met with us at Mt. Carmel and added much to the interest of the occasion. By request, he gave an explanation of the workings of the State Mission Board and the object of his appointment in compliance with our request of the Board at our last session. We endorse the action of the Board in sending brother Foster, and accepted him as our evangelist. We have endeavored to supply all destitute localities with preaching as often as possible. The section near the McDonald church was considered destitute, and brother Tully Barrett was appointed to preach there. He reported 6 sermons, and Bro. E. T. Barrett reported 5 days preached at that point. Also Bro. W. W. Thomas reported 6 days labor near Hoover's ferry. Bro. Foster was requested to hold a protracted meeting near the McDonald church, as soon as practicable.

The interest of our meeting has been greatly increased by discussing queries and essays bearing upon the scriptures and general church work. We recommend to your favorable consideration the propriety of requesting the State Mission Board to continue Bro. Foster as evangelist and colporteur in this Association and that we will do all we can to sustain him in said work.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. J. COCKROFT, Secretary.

Adopted, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay for the mission work done at the usual rates of \$1 50 per day allowed for such services.

On motion, the Executive Board meets with the Center Hill church at Conway, on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in Dec. 1882.

Bro. J. L. Wheeler, col., presented himself with a letter from Mt. Hope Association, col., and was received as a correspondent from that body. On motion, correspondence was returned and the following brethren appointed to meet with the Mt. Hope Association, which meets on the 3d Sabbath of October and Saturday before, 1883, 8 miles west of Kosoiusko: R. G. Barrett, E. T. Dendy, J. F. Kernop, and Dr. J. N. Denson.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved:* That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered the Carthage church and citizens for the kind and hospitable



manner in which they entertained the delegates and visitors of this Association.

Unanimously adopted by a rising vote. On motion, the Secretary and Treasurer of this Association was allowed \$15 for his services.

After singing, extending the parting hand and prayer, adjourned, to meet with the Mt. Zion church, on Saturday 10 o'clock before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1883.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

A. J. COCKROFT, Secretary.

## Declaration of Faith.

### 1.-OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles to which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinion should be tried.

Places in the Bible where taught.—1. 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Also Pet. i. 21; 22 Sam. xxiii. 2; Acts i. 16; ii. 21; John x. 25; Luke xvi. 29-31; Ps. cxix. 111, Rom. iii. 19.

2. 2 Tim. iii. 15. The holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. Also 1 Pet. i. 10-12; Acts xi. 14; Rom. i. 16; Mark xvi. 16; John v. 34-39.

3. Prov. xxx. 5, 6. Every word of God is pure. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee and thou be found a liar. Also John xvii. 17; Rev. xxi. 18, 19. Rom. ii. 4.

4. Rom. ii. 13. As many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law. John xii. 47, 48. If any man hear my words, the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. Also 1 Cor. iv. 3. 4; Luke x. 10-15; xii. 47, 48.

5. Phil. ii. 16; Let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same thing. Also Ephes. iv. 3-6; Phil. ii. 1, 2; Cor. i. 10; Peter iv. 11.

6. 1 John iv. 1. Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God. (see vii. 2). To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. 1 Thess. v. 21. Prove all things, 2 Cor. xii. 6. Prove your own

selves. Also Acts xxi 11; 1 John iv 6; Jude 3d verse, Eph. vi 17. cxi  
50 60, Phil. 19—21.

### 11.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor confidence and love revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Places in the Bible where taught:—Psalm lxxxiii, 18. Thou whose name alone, is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth: Heb. iii 4; Rom. i, 20; Jer. x 10.

2. Exod. xv 11. Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness? Isa vi 3; 1 15, 19 Rev. iv 8—8.

3. Mark 12, 30. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength. Rev. iv 11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, honor and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Matt. 10, 37; Jer. ii 12 13.

4. Matt. 28-19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. John 15-26. When the Comforter is come, whom I will send you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. 1 Cor. 12 4-8; 1 John v 7.

John 10 30. I and my Father are one. John v 17; 14 23; Acts v. 34; 1 Cor, iii, 10, 11.

6. Eph. ii 18. For through him, (the Son) we both have access by one Spirit and the Father. 2 Cor. ii 14. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Rev. i. 4, 5.

### 111.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluptuary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

Places in the Bible where taught:—1. Gen. i 27. God created man in his own image. Gen i 31. And God saw everything that he had made and behold it was very good. Eccl. vii 29; Acts 17 20; Gen ii 16.

2. Gen iii 6-24. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat and gave also un-

to her husband with her, and he did eat. Therefore the Lord God drove out the man, and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden, cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the tree of life. Rom v 12.

3. Rom. v. 19. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. John iii 16; Ps 4; Rom v 15-19; viii 7.

4. Isa liii. 6. We have turned everyone to his own way. Gen vi 12; Rom iii 9-18.

5. Eph ii 1-3. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past, in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Rom i 18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rom. i 32; Gal iii 10; Matt 25-41; Rev 20 15.

6. Ezek 18-11-20. Yet say ye Why? doth not the son bear the iniquities of the father? The soul that sinneth it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. Rom-i 20. So that they are without excuse. Rom-iii 19. That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Gal iii 82.

#### IV—THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death, being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all sufficient Savior.

Places in the Bible where taught:--Eph ii 5. By grace ye are saved, Matt 18, 11; 1 John iv, 10; 1 Cor iii, 5-7; Acts 15 11.

2. John iii 16. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John i 1-14; Heb vi, 14-12, 24.

3. Phil ii 6-7. Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. Heb ii 9; ii: 14; 2 Cor viii 9.

4. Isa 12: 21. The Lord's well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable. Phil ii 8; Gal iv 4 5; Rom ii 21.

5. Isa liii 4. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. Matt 20 28; Rom iv 24; iii: 21-26; 1 John iv 10; ii 2; 1 Cor 15 1-3; Heb 9 13 14.

6. Heb 1. Unto the Son he saith, thy throne, O God, is forever and



over. Heb 13; viii 3; Col III 1-4.

7. Heb viii 25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Col II 9. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Heb II 18. In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb vii 26; Ps 89 18; Ps 34.

#### V—OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him as justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin; and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Places in the Bible where taught—John I 16. Of his fullness we all have received. Eph III 8.

2. Acts 13 39. By him all that believe are justified from all things. Isa lili 11; Rom viii 1.

3. Rom v 9. Being justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Zech 13 1; Mathew 9 6; Acts 10 43.

4. Rom 5 47. They which receive the abundance of grace, and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Titus lili 5 6; 1 Peter III 7; 1 John II 25; Rom v 21.

5. Rom IV 45. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace but of debt. But to him that worketh not but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom v 21 6 23; Phil lili 7-8.

6. Rom v 19. By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Rom I 24-26; 1 John II 12.

7. Rom v 12. Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into his grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom v 3. We glory in tribulation also. Rom v 11. We also joy in God. 1 Cor I 30 Mathew vi 36; 1 Tim iv 8.

#### VI—OF THE FREEDOM OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel. That it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

Places in the Bible where taught—1. Rev 22 17. Whosoever will let him partake of the water of life freely. Isa iv 1; Luke I 17.

2. Rom 21 25 26. The gospel, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Mark I 15. Romans I 15-17.

3. John v 40. Ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life. Matthew 23 37, Romans 9 32, Proverbs 1 25, Acts 13, 46,

4. John iii 19. And this is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Matthew 11 20; Luke 14, 28; 2 Thess. 18,

#### VII—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION

That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again. That regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its proper evidence is to and in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

Places in the Bible where taught—John iii 3. Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John iii 7; Rev. 21 27.

2. 2 Cor. v 20. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Ezek. 36. Deut. 30, 6; Romans ii 28 29; v 5; 1 John iv 7.

3. John iii 8. The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John i 13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. James i 16-18; 1 Cor. i 30; Phil. ii 13.

4. 1 Peter i 22-25. Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit. 1 John v 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. Eph. iv. 20-24; Col. iii 9-11.

5. Eph v 9. The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth. Rom viii 9; Gal v 16-23; Eph iii 14-21;

#### VIII—OF GODS PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man. It comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree, that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel, is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

Places in the Bible where taught. 1. 2 Tim i 8 9. Be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me, his prisoner, but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel, according to the power of God who has saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Eph i 3-14; 1 Peter i 2; Romans 11, 5 6; John 15 16; 1 John iv 19; Hos. 12 9.

2. 2 Thess ii 13 14. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you unto salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto he also called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 13 48; John 10 16; Matthew 20 16; Acts 15 14.

3. Exodus 33, 18 19. And Moses said, I beseech thee show me thy glory. And He said, I will cause all my goodness to pass before thee and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. Matthew 20 15. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is thine eye evil because I am good? Eph i 11. Rom 9 23 25 Jer 31, 3 Rom 11, 28 29. James i 17 18. 1 Tim ii 9. Rom 11 32 36.

4. 1 Cor iv 7. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 1 Cor i 26 31; Rom iii 27 iv 16; Col id 12; 1 Cor iii 5 7 15 19; 1 Pet v 10. Acts i 24; 1 Thess ii 13; 1 Pet ii 9; Luke 18 7; John 15 16; Eph i 16; 1 Thess ii 12.

5. 2 Tim ii 10. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 1 Cor 9 22. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Rom viii 28 30; John vi 37 40; 2 Peter i 10.

6. 1 Thess i 4 10. Knowing, brethren, beloved, your election of God for our gospel came unto you, not in word only, but in power, &c.

7. Rom viii 28 29. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called he also justified and whom he justified he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Isa 13. Rom 11 29.

8. 2 Pet i 10. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Phil iii 12; Heb vi 11

#### IX.—OF THE PERSISTENCE OF SAINTS

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from mere professors, that a special Providence watches over their welfare and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Passes in the Bible where taught.—1 John vii 31. Then said Jesus—If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. 1 John ii 27 28; 21; v 18.

2. 1 John ii 19. They went out from us but they were not of us; for if they had been of us they would no doubt have continued with us, but they went out that it might be made manifest that they were not all of us. John 13 18. Matthew 13. 20 21. John vi 66 69.



3. Rom viii 28. And we know that all things work together for good unto them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose. Matthew vi 30-33 Jer 32 40. Ps 121 3; 91 11 12.

4. Phil 16. He who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil ii 12 13. Jude 24 25. Heb i 14. 2 Kings vi 16. Heb 13 5. John iv 4.

### X—HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government, that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arising entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

Places in the Bible where taught. 1. Rom iii 21. Do we make void the law through faith? God forbid. Yes we establish the law. Matthew v 17. Luke 16 17. Rom iii 20; iv 15.

2. Rom vii 12. The law is holy and the commandments holy, just and good. Rom vii. 7 14 22 Gal iii 21. Ps 119.

3. Rom viii 7 8. The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Josh 24 19. Jer 10 11 23. John 6 44. v 44.

4. Romans viii 2 4. For the law of the Spirit of Life in Jesus Christ hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Rom 19 4. Tim 1 5: Heb viii 10. Jude 20 21. Heb 11 14.

### XI OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked, that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

1. Places in the Bible where taught. Mal. ii. 18. Ye shall discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not. Isa. v. 20. Gen. 18, 23. Jer. 15 19. Act. 10, 34 35 Rom vi 16

2. Rom i 17. The just shall live by faith. Rom vi 18. We are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held, that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 1 John ii 29. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doth

righteousness is born of him. 1 John iii 7. Rom vi 18 22. 1 Cor 11 32. Prov 11 31. 1 Peter iv 17 18.

3 1 John v 19. And we know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness. Gal iii 10. As many as are of the works of the law are under the curse. John iii 36. Isa lyiii 21. Ps. 10 4. Isa lv 6 7.

4. Prov 14 32. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death. See also the example of the rich man and Lazarus. Luke 16 19-31. Thou in thy life time receivest the good things and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. John viii. 21-24: Luke xii. 45-48 23-26. John xii. 25 26. Eccl. iii. 17. Matt. vii. 13 14.

## XII—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of the world is approaching. That at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place, that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or in hell on principles of righteousness.

Places in the Bible where taught.—1 Peter iv 7. But the end of all things is at hand, be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer. 1 Cor. vii 29 39 Heb i 10 13. Matt. 24, 35, 1 John ii 17. Matt 28, 20 12 39 46. 2 Peter iii 3 13.

2. Acts i 11. This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Rev. i 7. Heb. 9 28. Acts iii 21. 1 Thess iv 13, 18 v. 1, 11.

3. Acts 24 15. There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 1 Cor 15. 12-59. Luke 14. 14. Dan. 12. 2 John v 28 29, v. 40, 11, 25, 26. 2 Tim i 10. Acts. 10 42.

4. Matt. 12 49. The angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just. Matt 13, 37-43, 24 30 31, 25 27-33.

5. Matt 24. 35, 41. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Rev. 22, 11. He that is unjust let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous let him be righteous still, and he that is holy let him be holy still. 1 Cor. vi 9 10. Mark 9 43 48. 2 Peter ii 9 10. Jude 7. Phil iii 19. Rom vi 22. 2 Cor v 10 11. John vi 36. Cor iv 18.

6. Rom ii 5 7. Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) God forbid; for how then shall God judge the world? 2 Thess i 6-12. Seeing that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them who trouble you, and to you who are troubled, rest with us—when we shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all of them that believe. Heb vi 1 2. Cor iv 5. Acts 17 31. Rom ii 2-16. Rev 20 11 12. 1 John ii 8 4 17.

Seeing that all these things be dissolved, what manner of person ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God? 2 Peter iii 11 12.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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R. G. Barnett,  
S. J. Denson,  
S. Green,  
J. N. Newbern,  
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R. E. Melvin,  
W. S. Rushing,  
T. E. Morris,  
T. Lockala,  
E. T. Dendy,

A. J. Cockroft

## LICENTIATES.

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A. B. Ellinger,  
W. W. Thomas,

F. M. Gatlin,  
T. J. Barrett,

E. T. Barnett.



TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	No. Minutes.	Total.	Dead.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Rec'd by letter.	Rescued.	Baptized.	Days of meet'g.
Bethlehem.....	Center.....	Not represented.....	A J Cockroft.....	47	15	2	1	4	3	1	3	1
Canaan.....	Kirkwood.....	J F Kernop and A B Ellington.....	T E Morris.....	68	20	3	1	2	3	1	3	3
Carthage.....	Carthage.....	Col Geo Hugbie and J M Merchant.....	A J Cockroft.....	76	20	3	2	3	2	2	4	5
Center Hill.....	Conway.....	A J Cockroft, W S Cockroft and S G Waggoner.....	E T Dendy.....	29	10	1	1	2	8	6	9	4
Damascus.....	Millville.....	David Casper.....	T E Morris.....	76	20	1	2	2	2	2	2	4
Good Hope, Leake.....	Good Hope.....	T E Morris and Henry Collier.....	R G Barrett.....	30	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
" " Madison.....	Couparie City.....	R G Barrett and W T M Daniel.....	R A Cooper.....	25	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Jerusalem.....	Ludlow.....	J N Denison and S J Denison (no letter).....	A J Cockroft.....	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Landmark.....	Oklahoma.....	J B Wilder and D G Johnson.....	S C Eastham.....	72	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mary Hill.....	Kelburg.....	G Ward and W S Rushing.....	R G Barrett.....	64	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mt. Carmel.....	".....	W R Turner.....	L P Murrel.....	111	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mt. Zion.....	High Hill.....	W W Thomas R B Brandy, J A Henry and G W Brandy.....	R G Barrett.....	60	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mc Zion Choctaws.....	Carthage.....	W W Thomas R B Brandy, J A Henry and G W Brandy.....	Jack.....	41	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
New Hope.....	Walnut Grove.....	E T Burnett and A C Jones.....	W S Rushing.....	31	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
New Prospect.....	Carthage.....	W B Howell and E J Vray.....	S C Eastham.....	70	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
New Providence.....	".....	E T Dendy and W J Miles.....	R G Barrett.....	34	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
New Salem.....	Coosa.....	W R Graves and G W Goodby.....	W P Dorrell.....	39	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Pleasant Hill.....	Carthage.....	J R Trombly and W S Packard.....	E T Barrett.....	38	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Rocky Point.....	".....	R S Doolley and A F H.....	E T Dendy.....	38	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Salina.....	Coosa.....	J M McGary.....	N O Eastham.....	38	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Stump Bridge.....	Canon.....	J M McGary.....	No Pastor.....	40	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Thomastown.....	Thomastown.....	J B Blain.....	R G Barrett.....	71	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	1076	316	13	14	14	56	44	11	82



